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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Applicants : Werner P. Schlecht et al)

Application No.: 10/015,693)

Filed : December 17, 2001)

For : WINDUP SHADE FOR)
SIMPLIFIED ASSEMBLY IN A)
WINDOW)

Attorney Docket: 32164-176676)

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 enclosed are
copies of three references listed on a PTO-1449 Form attached
hereto.

The references which are all in the German language,
were cited in a German Office action, a copy of which is
enclosed as well.

As concerns the factual statement on the relevance of
the references, the German Examiner stated, in lines 4 and 5
on page 2 of his Office action that

From German patent document 36 08 927 there
is disclosed a window shade in accordance
with all the features defined in claim 1.

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Further, in the middle on page 2 and in lines 2-4 on page 3 the German Examiner stated that

Figure 1 of German patent document 298 21 879 shows a mounting flange 45 as a support means which is secured in automotive vehicles.

The features of claims 21-31 can be gleaned from the German patent documents 36 08 927 and 90 10 440.

It is noted that apparently the present U.S. claims correspond in numbering and contents to the German claims.

By providing an English-language version of the German Office action the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance of non-English-language references is deemed to be satisfied pursuant to the sentence bridging the two columns on page 600-101 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Seventh Edition (Revision 1, February 2000).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months from the filing date of the application pursuant to pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1).

Since all the requirements of Rules 97 and 98 have been complied with, the Examiner is requested to consider the references on their merit and return a copy of the PTO-1449



Form indicating with his/her initials that the references
were considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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